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Future Fisheries Review Panel  
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
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Dear Review Panel;

I am pleased to support The Trust for Public Land's proposal to Future Fisheries for replacing the bridge on South Woodward Creek in the Swan Valley.

South Woodward Creek is an important bull trout spawning stream in the Swan Valley. Replacing this bridge over South Woodward Creek will eliminate the risk of sediment increase into the creek as the result of bridge failure. A catastrophic failure of the bridge would undoubtedly impact bull trout in South Woodward Creek, as well as contribute to sediment loading in Swan Lake.

Restoration projects like this one compliment investments made by state and federal agencies to protect bull trout populations in the Swan Valley. I ask that you give this project your support. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Gardner, fisheries biologist at (406) 837-7508.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard H. Kehr Jr.  
RICHARD H. KEHR JR.  
District Ranger

